ARIZONA SUPREME COURT

STATE OF ARIZONA, No. CR-08-0025-AP

Maricopa County Superior Court No.

Appellee, CR-2002-019595

VS. Ninth Circuit No. 16–99006

CLARENCE WAYNE DIXON,

U.S. District Court No. CV-14-258-

Appellant. PHX–DJH

NOTICE OF MENTAL COMPETENCY PROCEEDINGS

(Capital Case)

Clarence Wayne Dixon, through undersigned counsel, respectfully provides the Court with notice that on April 8, 2022, he moved the Pinal County Superior Court to determine his competency to be executed pursuant to A.R.S. § 13-4021 et seq. *State of Arizona v. Clarence Wayne Dixon*, No. S110CR202200692 (Pinal Cnty. Super. Ct. Apr. 8, 2022). That same day, the Pinal County Superior Court found Mr. Dixon's motion timely and that it "satisfies the minimum required showing that reasonable grounds exist for the requested examination and hearing, within the meaning of A.R.S. § 13-4022(C) and as otherwise required by *Ford v. Wainwright.*" Order, *State of Arizona v. Clarence Wayne Dixon*, No. S110CR202200692 (Pinal Cnty. Super. Ct. April 8, 2022).

The court set the matter for a scheduling hearing on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 3:30 p.m. at which "[c]ounsel should have their nominations ready for mental health experts, who must be available to conduct an expedited examination and report, ideally by Tuesday, April 26, 2022, and Counsel should be prepared to select a hearing date, and the Court is contemplating Tuesday, May 3, 2022." *Id.* at 2. The court also ordered Mr. Dixon to "promptly file a notice with the trial court and Supreme Court of Arizona, informing both courts of this proceeding." *Id.*

In accordance with the court's order, Mr. Dixon hereby provides this Court with notice of the proceedings underway in Pinal County Superior Court to determine Mr. Dixon's mental competency to be executed pursuant to A.R.S. § 13-4021 et seq.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 11th day of April, 2022.

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